

Remarks

Claims 7-10 are pending in the application and stand rejected.

Claim rejections

Section 102

Claims 7-10 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Kelley et al. (US 6,000,033) ("Kelley"). The Applicant respectfully traverses. Kelley does not support the asserted rejection for at least the reason that Kelley does not disclose "verifying that said requester is authorized to access a resource on the web server with reference to said access table associated with the authorized machine to which the requester is coupled," as recited in claim 7.

Contrary to the Examiner's allegation, Kelley at col. 7, lines 25-40 is silent as to a verification operation as claimed. In the cited portion of Kelley, "real passwords" are simply substituted for pre-assigned "virtual passwords" by a client computer; there is no verification occurring. The "real password" is used to gain access to a network resource that requires a password (Kelley, col. 7, lines 16-24). While the password may be tested, the test is performed by the network resource requiring the password (FIG. 2, block 140). The test is not "with reference to said access table associated with the authorized machine," as required by claim 7.

Moreover, Kelley contains no disclosure as to "allowing the requester to assume the identity of said authorized machine to which the requester is coupled after verifying that said requester is authorized," as further recited in claim 7. As noted earlier, Kelley merely relates to password mapping and substitution; there is no assumption of the identity of an authorized machine by a requester after verification that the requester is authorized.

Accordingly, claim 7 is allowable over Kelley. Claims 8-10 are therefore likewise allowable over Kelley for at least the reason that they include the recitations of claim 7 by dependence thereon. Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 7-10 is therefore respectfully requested.


Conclusion

In light of the above discussion, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in all aspects in allowable condition, and earnestly solicits favorable reconsideration and early issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4323 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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